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## **Governor Authorizes the Lowering of Flags for Civil Rights Hero**

**Salt Lake City, Utah** – Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. has authorized the lowering of the Flag of the United States of America and the Flag of the State of Utah to fly at half-staff on all State facilities in honor of Rosa Lee Parks, the day of her funeral on Wednesday, November 2, 2005.

“Rosa Parks was one of the last century’s most transformational figures, whose courage and dignity paved the way for equal rights,” said Governor Huntsman.

According to the *Detroit Free Press*, Parks will lie in state at St. Paul AME Church in Montgomery, Alabama on Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30, 2005. Parks will then return to Detroit, Michigan where her body will lie in state at the Museum of African American History on Tuesday, November 1, from 6 a.m. to midnight. Her funeral will be held Wednesday, November 2 at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit.

Parks, an iconic civil rights hero, passed away Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at age 92. Parks may be best known for her pivotal refusal to give her seat up to a white man while riding a city bus in December 1955. This one act of defiance triggered the modern civil rights movement. An active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Parks was often referred to as the “mother of the civil rights movement.”

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